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HOETTL'S SERVICES TO ALLEN DULLES

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THE BUDAPEST DAILY NEPSZABADSAG 30 JUN 61 CARRIES THE FIFTH INSTALLMENT OF AN ARTICLE BY LASZLO SZABO, "DR. HOETTL, THE WORLD CHAMPION OF SURVIVAL," DEALING WITH THE WARTIME AND POSTWAR ACTIVITIES OF DR. WILHELM HOETTL, "FORMER SS STURMBANNFUEHRER, KALTENBRUNNER'S CONFIDENTIAL RIGHT-HAND MAN, DEPUTY HEAD OF THE FOREIGN DEPARTMENT OF KALTENBRUNNER'S REINHSSICHERHEITSAMT, AND HEAD OF THE NAZI ESPIONAGE ORGANIZATION OPERATING IN HUNGARY." THE FIFTH INSTALLEMENT SAYS:

"THE WAR WAS NOT EVEN OVER WHEN HE SHIFTED HIS ALLEGIANCE AND SOLD HIS SERVICES TO THE AMERICAN ESPIONAGE ORGANIZATION. NO DOUBT THE SEED OF THE IDEA WAS PLANTED IN HIS MIND IN 1945 WHEN HE CARRIED OUT PERSONAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH ALLEN DULLES, WHO THEN DIRECTED THE EUROPEAN ESPIONAGE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED STATES FROM SWITZERLAND. AS A MATTER OF FACT, AT THAT TIMES HOETTL WAS ASSIGNED TO GO TO SWITZERLAND ON KALTENBRUNNER'S ORDERS, WHICH WERE CONFIRMED BY HIMMLER. HIS TASK WAS TO OFFER THAT THE GERMANS HOLD UP THE ADVANCING SOVIET ARMY ON THE AUSTRIA IF, IN RETURN, THE KALTENBRUNNER CLIQUE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO FORM AN AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT. ON THIS MISSION HOETTL'S NUMBER AS AN AGENT WAS 144/7947. HE RETURNED FROM HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH ONLY A PARTIAL SUCCESS. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT AT THE TIME ALLEN DULLES COULD NOT ACCEPT KALTENBRUNNER ON THE NEW AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR. THIS HEAD EXECUTIONER WITH BLOOD ON HIS HANDS HAD COMPROMISED HIMSELF TOO MUCH. DULLES WAS, HOWEVER, WILLING TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THE NAZI SECRET SERVICE THROUGH HOETTL.

"IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT THE AGREEMENT WITH ALLEN DULLES PUT HOETTL IN AN EXTREMELY ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION. OF COURSE, WHEN HE WENT TO SWITZERLAND FOR THE SECOND TIME TO MEET HIS NEW BOSS, HE WOULD NOT DREAM OF TIEING HIS FATE FOR BETTER OR WORSE TO THAT OF THE GRAVELY COMPROMISED KALTENBRUNNER. RETURNING FROM THE TRIP, HE DID REPORT TO KALTENBRUNNER. BUT ALL HE TOLD HIM WAS: ALLEN DULLES IS WORKING TOWARD THE END OF BRINGING AUSTRIA UNDER WESTERN INFLUENCE IF POSSIBLE WITHOUT A REVOLUTION."

THE ARTICLE ASSERTS THAT THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN MANY REASONS FOR INDICTING HOETTL, AND CONTINUES: "YET THE AMERICANS DID NOT ARREST HIM. OF COURSE, IT IS NOT DIFFICULT TO ARRIVE AT THE SOLUTION OF THE SECRET, THE MORE SO BECAUSE THE WEST GERMAN ANTICOMMUNIST PAPER DER SPIEGEL OPENLY DISCLOSED IT. THE 22 APRIL 1953 ISSUE OF THE PAPER SAID: 'IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE END OF THE WAR THE AMERICAN CIC ASSIGNED HOETTL TO REESTABLISH HIS CONNECTIONS WITH HIS FORMER CONTACTS IN BUDAPEST AND BUCHAREST. IN THE SUMMER OF 1945, HOETTL'S OLD STEYRING SD TRANSMITTER WAS OPERATING AGAIN WITH ITS AERIAL POINTED TO THE SOUTHEAST UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS.'

"THUS THE CIC, THE AMERICAN ESPIONAGE ORGANIZATION, SAVED HOETTL FROM ARREST AND FROM WELL-DESERVED PUNISHMENT. IT IS ANOTHER MATTER THAT HOETTL COULD NOT SAVE HIS FORMER WELL-ORGANIZED NETWORK FOR THE CIC. NAZI AGENTS FAILED TO REACT TO HIS MESSAGES, AND THE NAZI ESPIONAGE AGENCIES IN HUNGARY AND RUMANIA DISINTEGRATED THROUGH THE EVENTS CAUSED BY THE WAR. IT WAS NECESSARY TO BEGIN THE ORGANIZATION OF A NEW AGENCY. IN SPITE OF THIS, HOWEVER, HIS NEW OVERSEAS MASTERS RETAINED HOETTL AND COVERED UP FOR HIM."

THE ARTICLE SAYS THAT HOETTL IS RUNNING A FLOURISHING ESPIONAGE CENTER EVEN TODAY.

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